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received but no information on the subject was asked for by him. The question whether the orders should stand or be cancelled is under examination."

Supply of electricity to Visakhapatnam town.

* 390 Q.—SRI K. GOVINDA RAO (on behalf of Sri M. Veerabhadram): Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Visakhapatnam Municipality asked the Government for a loan or grant of Rs. 20,000 for lighting purposes in the town; and

(b) what was the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (a) An application for a loan of Rs. 20,000 for the purpose was received.

" (b) The Municipal Council was informed that in view of the prevailing financial stringency, provision for the loan could not be made in the State Budget for 1953–54."

Quantity of ammonium sulphate damaged during the cyclone in Tanjore district.

* 391 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the total number of bags of ammonium sulphate damaged during the recent cyclone in Nagapattinam harbour in Tanjore district?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Six thousand and twenty-one bags."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" May I know the loss incurred by the Government? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Rs. 2,76,213-6-0."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" In view of the fact that so many bags of ammonium sulphate were lost, due to cyclone, did the Government take proper steps to reimburse the loss in the sense of making ammonium sulphate available to agriculturists in that district? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" We have enough stock of ammonium sulphate, Sir."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" May I know whether the damage was due to natural causes or due to the carelessness of the officers concerned? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" They were stored in the Harbour godowns and were in the charge of the clearing and forwarding agents. Because of the cyclone one of the godowns was inundated and so some of the ammonium sulphate was dissolved and lost."